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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- Response to Restriction Requirement in 2 pages.
- The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 19, 2003 in the above-identified application, Applicant responds as follows:

Restriction to one of the following groups was required under 35 USC 121:

Group I: Claims 1-6, 7, 10, drawn to a non-human genetically modified mammal comprising a mutation, a partial deletion or a total deletion in the genetic sequence encoding the wild type alpha-fetoprotein (AFP), classifiable in class 800, subclass 2.

Group II: Claims 9 and 13, drawn to a pluripotential embryonic stem cell comprising a mutation, a partial deletion or a total deletion in the genetic sequence encoding the wild type alpha-fetoprotein (AFP), classifiable in class 435, subclass 325.

Group III: Claims 11 and 12, drawn to a composition comprising alpha-fetoprotein or a portion thereof fixed to a solid surface, classifiable in class 530, subclass 350, and drawn to an assay of employing a protein assay for identifying a molecule that is able to bind to AFP, classifiable in class 435, subclass 7.1.

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In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group 1, that is, Claims 1-6, 7, and 10, drawn to a non-human genetically modified mammal comprising a mutation, a partial deletion or a total deletion in the genetic sequence encoding the wild type alpha-fetoprotein (AFP).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered prior to examination of this application. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: Dec. 17, 2003

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